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Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know what posts have been abolished so far?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"Notice."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know, Sir, whether the Retrenchment Committee has recommended any post to be abolished so far?"

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"Yes, Sir; numerous posts."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know whether a statement of them will be placed on the table."

The hon. Mr. H. G. STOKES:—"We have already placed the statement on the table?"

Consideration of the abolition of the posts of certain Deputy Collectors and Deputy Superintendents of Police.

* 396 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Retrenchment Officer or ther Retrenchment Committee have examined the question of the abolition of at least one Deputy Collector in each district, one Deputy Superintendent of Police in each district and the re-organization of their divisions existing at present; and

(*b*) if so, what were the recommendations on this subject and what were the decisions arrived at by the Retrenchment Committee?

A.—(*a*) No. The question of redistributing charges in the Revenue Department is under consideration by the Board of Revenue, but it is being examined on its merits and not on the lines suggested by the hon. Member. The organisation of the Police department will shortly be examined by the Retrenchment Committee.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Consideration of the amalgamation of certain offices and the abolition of certain institutes by way of retrenchment.

* 397 *Q.*—Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED: Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government or the Retrenchment Officer or the Retrenchment Committee have considered (i) the question of the amalgamation of the posts of the Director of Public Health with that of the Surgeon-General; and (ii) the question of the abolition of the Leather Trades Institute and the Industrial Engineers Workshop as a measure of retrenchment; and

(*b*) if so, what is the decision arrived at, and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) The Retrenchment Committee have considered the question of amalgamating the two posts of the Surgeon-General and the Director of Public Health. They have not yet considered the question of abolishing the Leather Trades Institute and the Industrial Engineers Workshop.